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Re: CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc.
Docket No. T-03554A-05-
Promotions

T-00000A-05-0380

To Whom it may concern:

Enclosed for filing for CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc. d/b/a CenturyTel is an original and thirteen copies of proposed tariff changes. Tariff Sheets included for this filing are:

Section 1 Sheet No. 3 Amendment No. 5
Section 1 Sheet No. 3.1 Amendment No. Original
Section 1 Sheet No. 4 Amendment No. 4

This filing changes the Lifeline Assistance Program to bring the tariff in compliance with the present federal and state guidelines. An effective date of September 19, 2005 is requested.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, you may contact me at the above address or e-mail me at pam.donovan@centurytel.com. My telephone number is 360-905-7918.

Sincerely,

Pamela Donovan,
Supervisor, Tariff

TELEPHONE RATE FILE

CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc. d/b/a CenturyTel
Arizona

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Section No. 1
Sheet No. 3
Amendment No. 5

EXCHANGE RATES

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A. General

1. The Lifeline Assistance Program provides for a federal credit equal to 100 percent of the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge and a \$1.75 local service reduction.
2. The discounts apply to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customers.
3. Discounts are applied to existing tariffed rates and charges for residential telephone service.
4. For additional Tribal Lifeline rules, see D. following.

B. Regulations

1. Regulations specified in Section No. 7 of the CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc. tariff apply to Lifeline Service.
2. Lifeline Service is available only with residence service, excluding foreign exchange service.
3. Lifeline Service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence.
4. The named subscriber to the local telecommunications service must participate in one of listed assistance programs to qualify for Lifeline. The federal and state credits are applied to the Local Service bills for qualified residential recipients of:
 - a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
 - b. Food Stamps,
 - c. Medicaid,
 - d. Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - e. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).*
 - f. Head Start Program
 - g. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
 - h. National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL)
 - i. Income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

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* Low-income customers who qualify under Arizona's Low Income Telephone Assistance Program ("ALITAP") will receive the federal baseline support (which waives the Federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC), plus the additional \$1.75 in federal Lifeline support. ALITAP customers are also eligible to receive matching federal Lifeline support in an amount equal to one-half of the amount of the state support. For example, if the contribution by the state equaled \$2.00, the matching federal Lifeline support amount would equal \$1.00. State support under A.R.S. §46.703 would be in addition to this amount.

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B. Regulations (Cont'd)

5. Customers who qualify thru income based requirements must certify their eligibility to participate under penalty of perjury and must present documentation to certify eligibility. Examples of acceptable documentation include the most recent documentation of any of the following:
 - a. State or Federal income tax return
 - b. Current income statement or W-2 from an employer
 - c. Three consecutive months of current pay stubs
 - d. Social Security statement of benefits
 - e. Veteran's Administration statement of benefits
 - f. Retirement/Pension statement of benefits
 - g. Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits
 - h. Divorce decree or child support document
6. The Company will process all applications and apply the appropriate credit on the customer's monthly bill.
7. Customers of Lifeline Service must notify the Company of any changes which would affect qualification. Verification of eligibility shall be in compliance with Federal requirements and will take place initially and at a minimum annually each year of service thereafter. When the customer is notified of an impending termination of Lifeline benefits by the Company in a separate letter, the customer will have 60 days to demonstrate continued eligibility before benefits will be terminated. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline Service, the discount will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges will apply.
8. The Company may not disconnect the service of a Lifeline Program customer for the non-payment of toll charges unless the Company has received a waiver from the Commission allowing disconnection of service for this reason.

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LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

B. Regulations (Continued)

9. Deposit requirements will be waived for Lifeline applicants who voluntarily subscribe to free toll blocking service. (M)
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10. Partial payments received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges. (T)
11. The Company shall follow the Federal default record keeping requirements regarding Lifeline record keeping and records retention. (N)
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C. Rates and Charges

Monthly Credit (maximum of one line per qualified customer)

1. Tier 1: Federal discount equal to 100 percent of the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge is applicable to qualified residential customers.
2. Tier 2: Federal reduction of \$1.75 of the Local Service Rate.
3. Tier 3: Federal matching Lifeline credit of 50% of the ALITAP discount

D. Tribal Lifeline – Federal Tier Four Reduction

1. Additional federal Lifeline support of up to \$25.00 is available for residents of federally recognized Indian Reservations.
2. Residents of Reservations who qualify for Lifeline based on the requirements listed previously are eligible for the additional Tier Four Reduction. Residents of Reservations who do not meet those requirements are eligible for the Tiers One, Two and Four Reductions if they participate in one of the following programs:

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program
Head Start programs (under income qualifying eligibility provision only)
National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

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